

1 AN ACT concerning public access to physical therapists.

2 **Be it enacted by the People of the State of Illinois,**  
3 **represented in the General Assembly:**

4 Section 5. The Illinois Physical Therapy Act is amended by  
5 changing Section 31 as follows:

6 (225 ILCS 90/31) (from Ch. 111, par. 4281)

7 (Section scheduled to be repealed on January 1, 2006)

8 Sec. 31. Violations; use of words, abbreviations, figures,  
9 or letters indicating licensure.

10 (a) Any person who is found to have violated any provision  
11 of this Act is guilty of a Class A misdemeanor for the first  
12 offense and a Class 4 felony for the second and any subsequent  
13 offense.

14 (b) Any person representing himself as a physical therapist  
15 or that the services he renders are physical therapy services,  
16 or uses any words, such as physical therapy, physical  
17 therapist, physiotherapy or physiotherapist, abbreviations,  
18 figures or letters with the intention of indicating practice as  
19 a licensed physical therapist, when he does not possess a  
20 currently valid license as defined herein, commits a Class A  
21 misdemeanor, for a first offense, and a Class 4 felony for a  
22 second or subsequent offense.

23 (c) Any person representing himself as a physical therapist  
24 assistant or that the services he renders are physical therapy  
25 services, or uses any words such as physical therapy or  
26 physical therapist assistant, or uses abbreviations, figures  
27 or letters with the intention of indicating practice as a  
28 physical therapist assistant, when he does not possess a  
29 currently valid license as defined herein, commits a Class A  
30 misdemeanor for a first offense, and a Class 4 felony for a  
31 second or subsequent offense.

32 (Source: P.A. 85-342; 86-1396.)